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Magistrate Judge Merit Review Panel to consider reappointments of three Magistrate Judges

CHICAGO, Ill. - Chief Judge Rubén Castillo directed the court's Magistrate Judge Merit Review Panel to consider the reappointments of U.S. Magistrate Judges Sheila Finnegan, Jeffrey T. Gilbert, and Young B. Kim. Judge Finnegan's term expires on April 25, 2018. Judges Gilbert's and Kim's terms each expire on May 6, 2018.

Under the law, the Panel must submit its reports and recommendations by October 25, 2017. Patricia Brown Holmes of Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP will serve as the Chairperson of the well-qualified and diverse Panel. Other members of the Panel are as follows:

Ricardo Estrada*, President and CEO of Metropolitan Family Services;
Joseph M. Gagliardo of Laner Muchin, Ltd.;
Marisel A. Hernandez of Jacobs Burns Orlove & Hernandez;
Ianna Kachoris*, Sr. Program Officer at the MacArthur Foundation;
Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis of the City of Chicago, Department of Law;
Samuel S. Park of Winston & Strawn;
Stephen H. Pugh of Pugh Jones Johnson;
Sergio F. Rodriguez of the Federal Defender Program;
Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott of Foley & Lardner LLP;
Natalie J. Spears of Dentons US LLP; and
Nigel F. Telman of Proskauer.

"We are extremely grateful to this panel of distinguished attorneys and citizens for their service to the court and our community by agreeing to perform this important work, without pay, on behalf of the people of the Northern District of Illinois," said Chief Judge Castillo. The Court looks forward to receiving the Panel's reports in October and hopes to make its decisions in November 2017.

*By regulation, the Panel must include at least two non-lawyers.